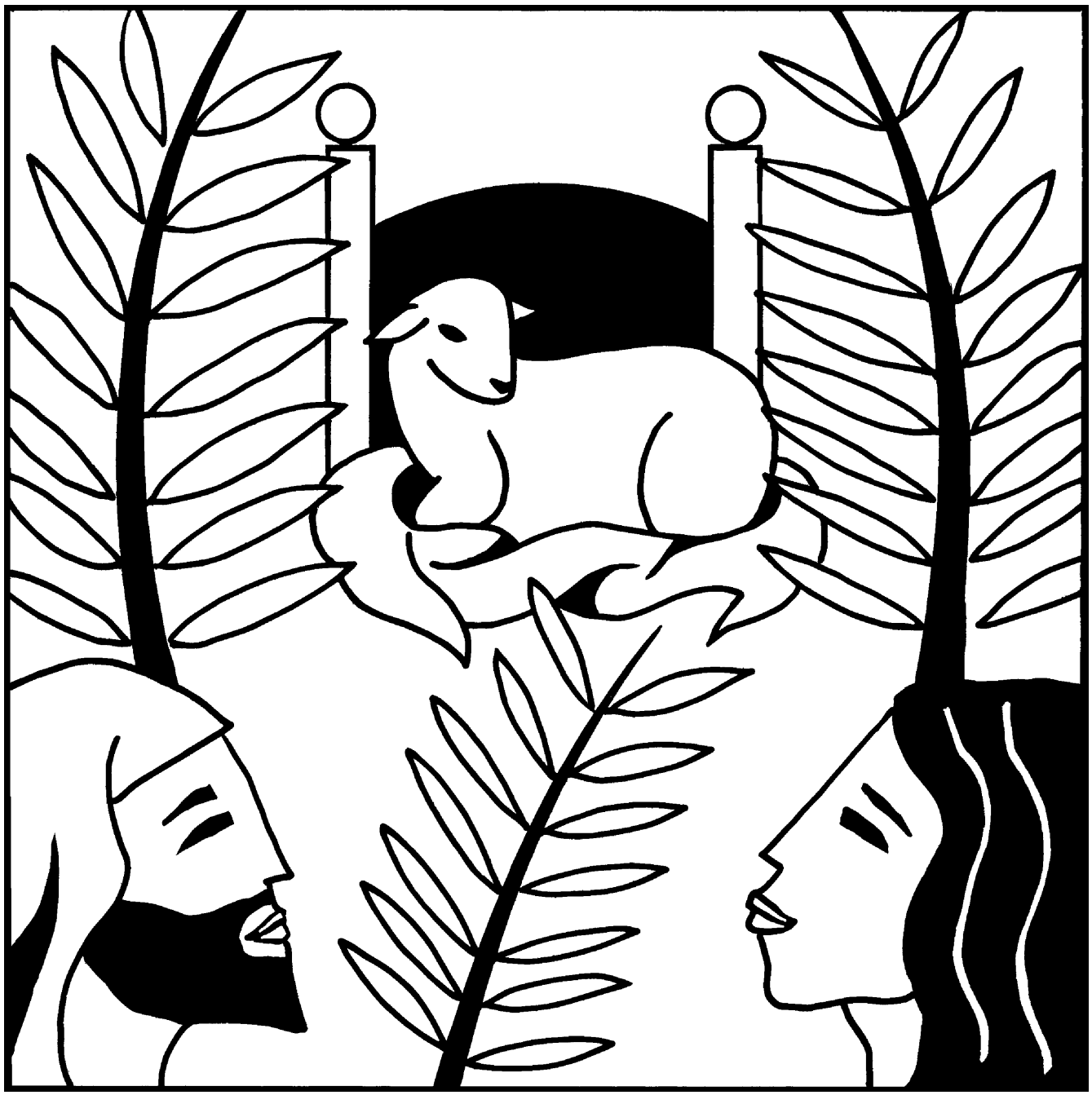

November 1, 2020
All Saints Day
Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colorado
Rooted in Grace + Reaching out in Christ's Love

Welcome to Grace!

We are glad you are joining us online for this worship service. Our liturgy is printed in this worship folder so that you can follow along on Zoom with the live Worship Service or afterward on the Grace Boulder website.

In response to Christ's boundless love for all, members of Grace share that love by inviting all – regardless of ethnicity or race, educational or religious background, economic, physical, mental or social condition, gender identity or sexual orientation – to come and participate in the life of Grace.

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

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GATHERING

MUSICAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Kyrie Eleison Tomas Luis de Victoria

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.
Amen.

Holy One,
we confess that we do not follow you as we should.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved of God, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Savior, opens the door to us.
Through ☩ Christ you are forgiven,
and in Christ we are welcomed
into the beloved community!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN For All The Saints ELW 422

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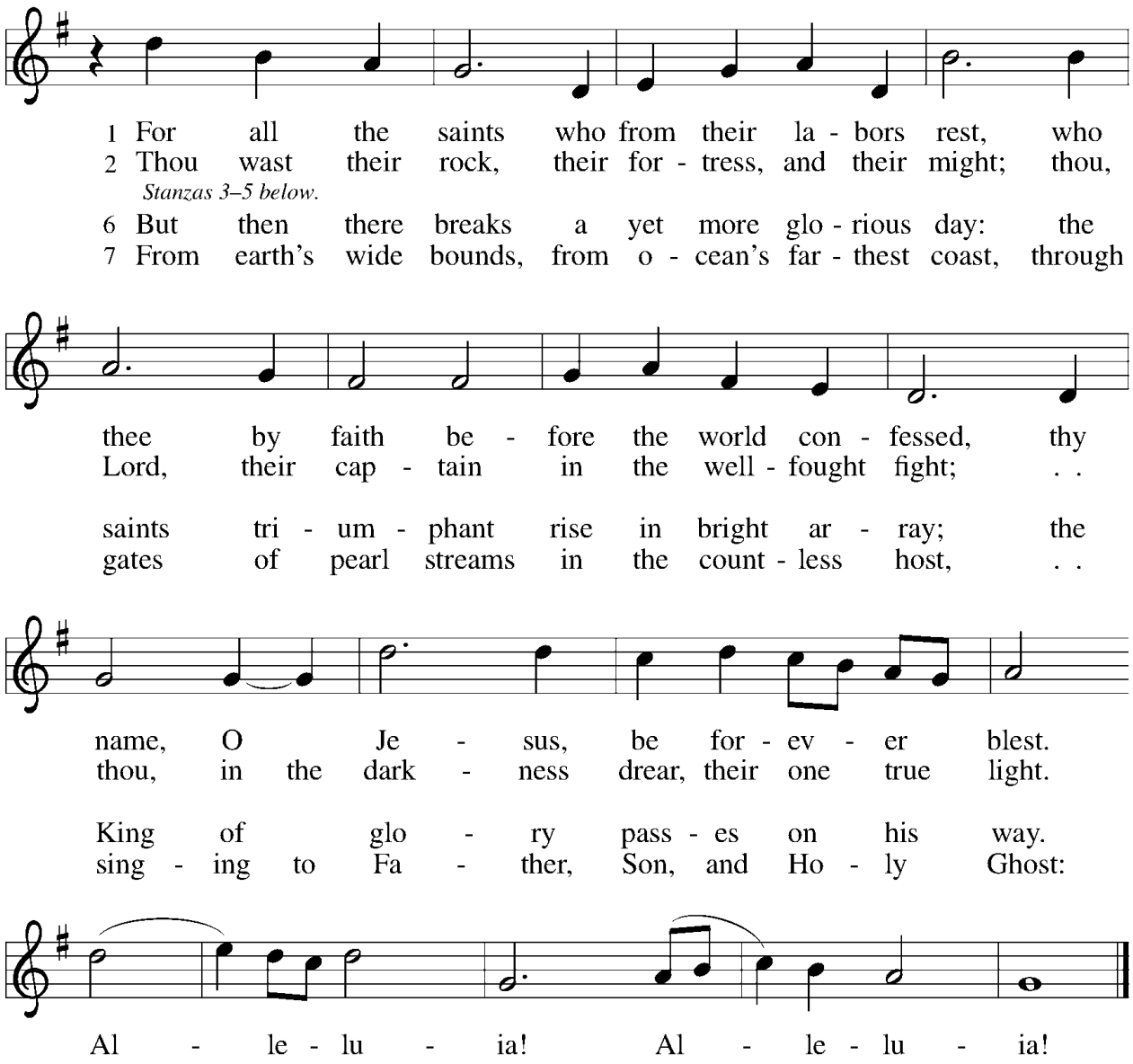
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

GLORIA For All The Saints ELW 422

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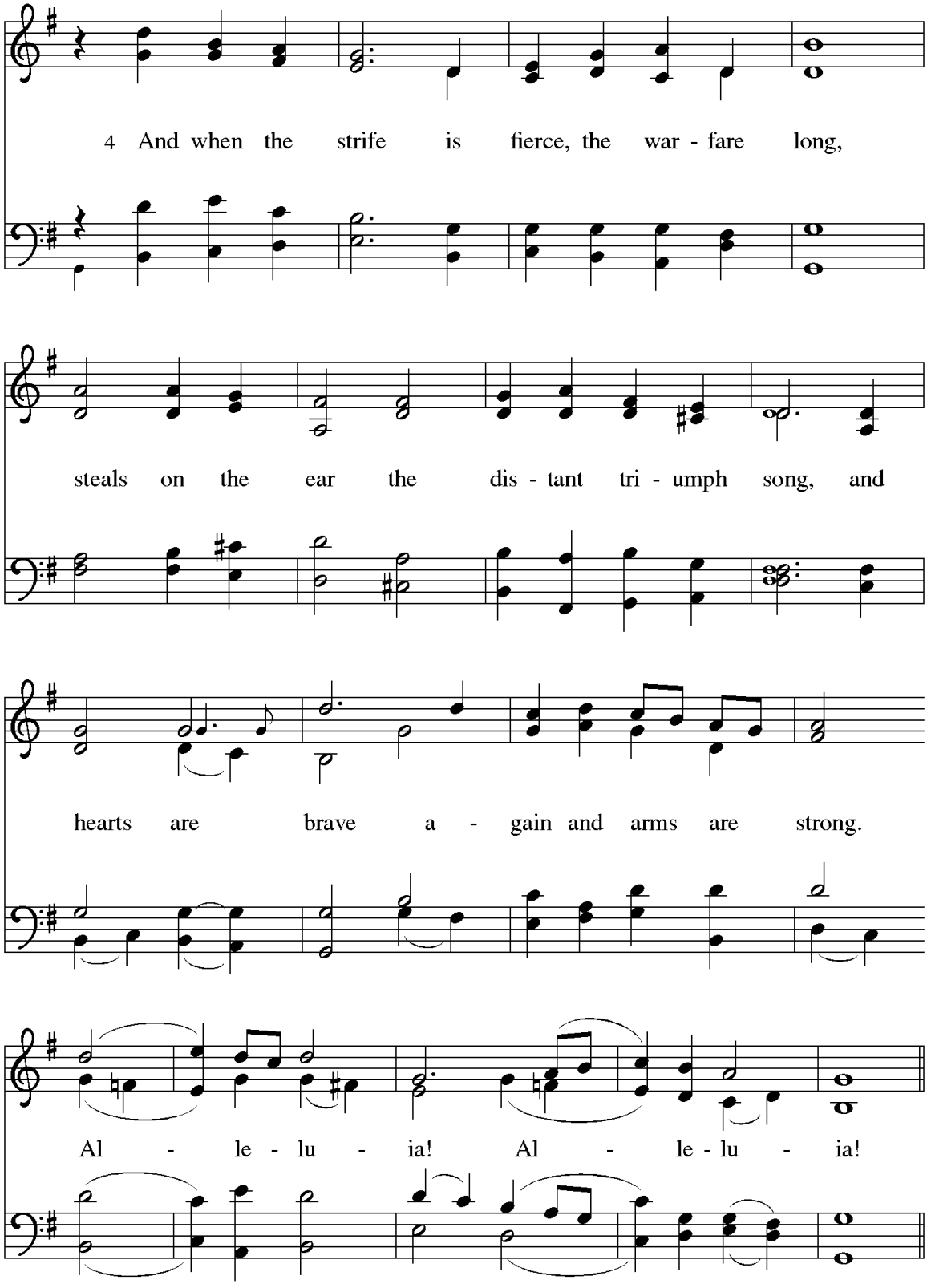
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

WORD

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped
God, 12 singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

[13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" [14]I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

[15]For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
[16]They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
[17]for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

[1]I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
[2]I will glory in the Lord;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
[3]Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.
[4]I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.
[5]Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

[6]I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
[7]The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.
[8]Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!
[9]Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
[10]The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
[22]O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

[1]See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION For All The Saints ELW 422

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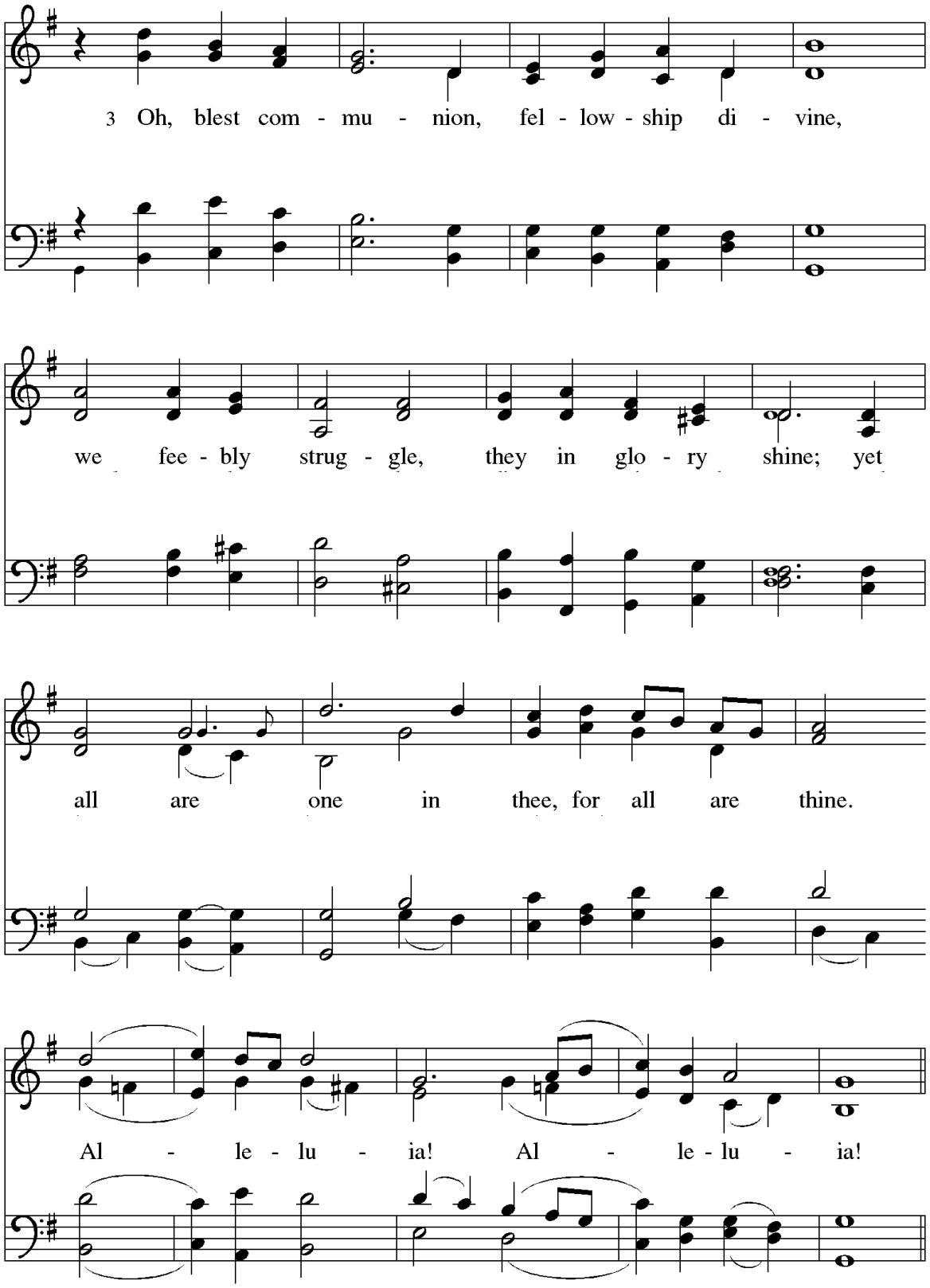
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GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON Pastor Matthew Weber

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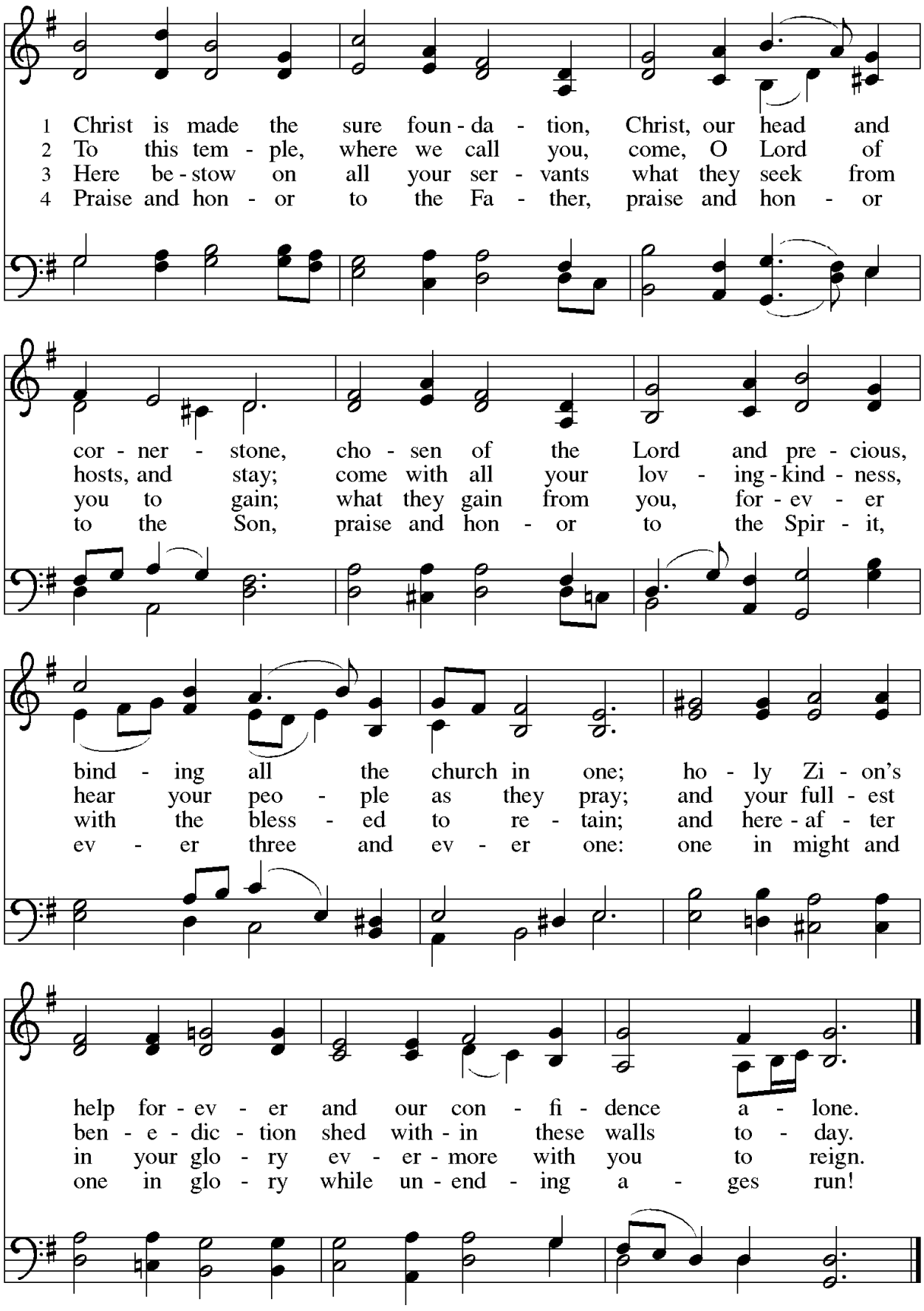

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Lord of every nation, guide this country—red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we participate in a national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year (*you are invited to remember in prayer those who are named at this time, and those who might not be named in our prayer today)*. In faith, may we join with them in ceaseless praise. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

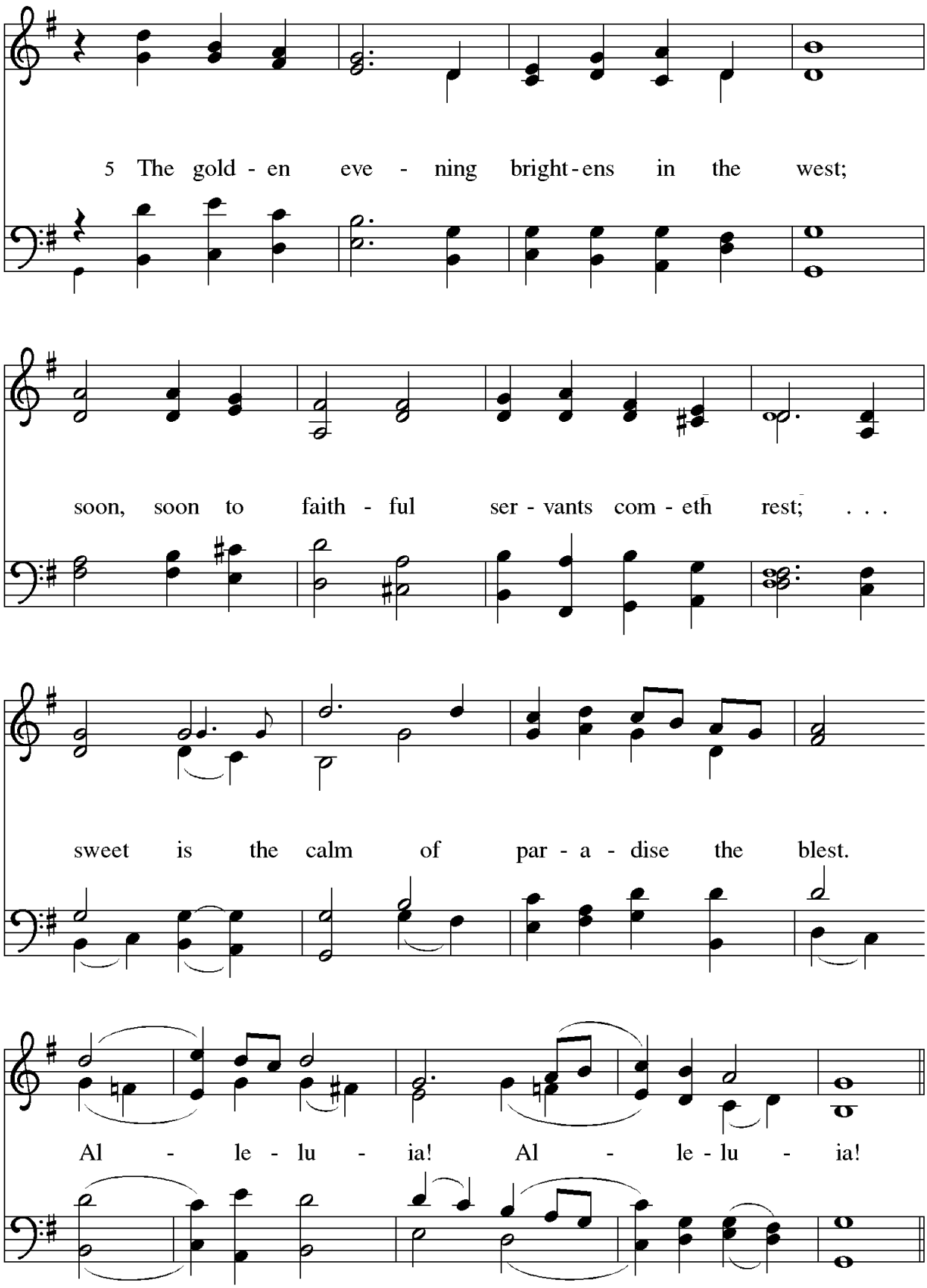
And also with you.

MEAL

Your stewardship at Grace is more important now than ever. Without in-person Worship Services where offerings are collected, we hope that you will take the extra time to fulfill your pledges. Please visit the Grace Boulder Stewardship page to learn more.

ANTHEM "At The River" Copeland

Katherine DeVane, alto

OFFERTORY For All The Saints, verse 5 ELW 422

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

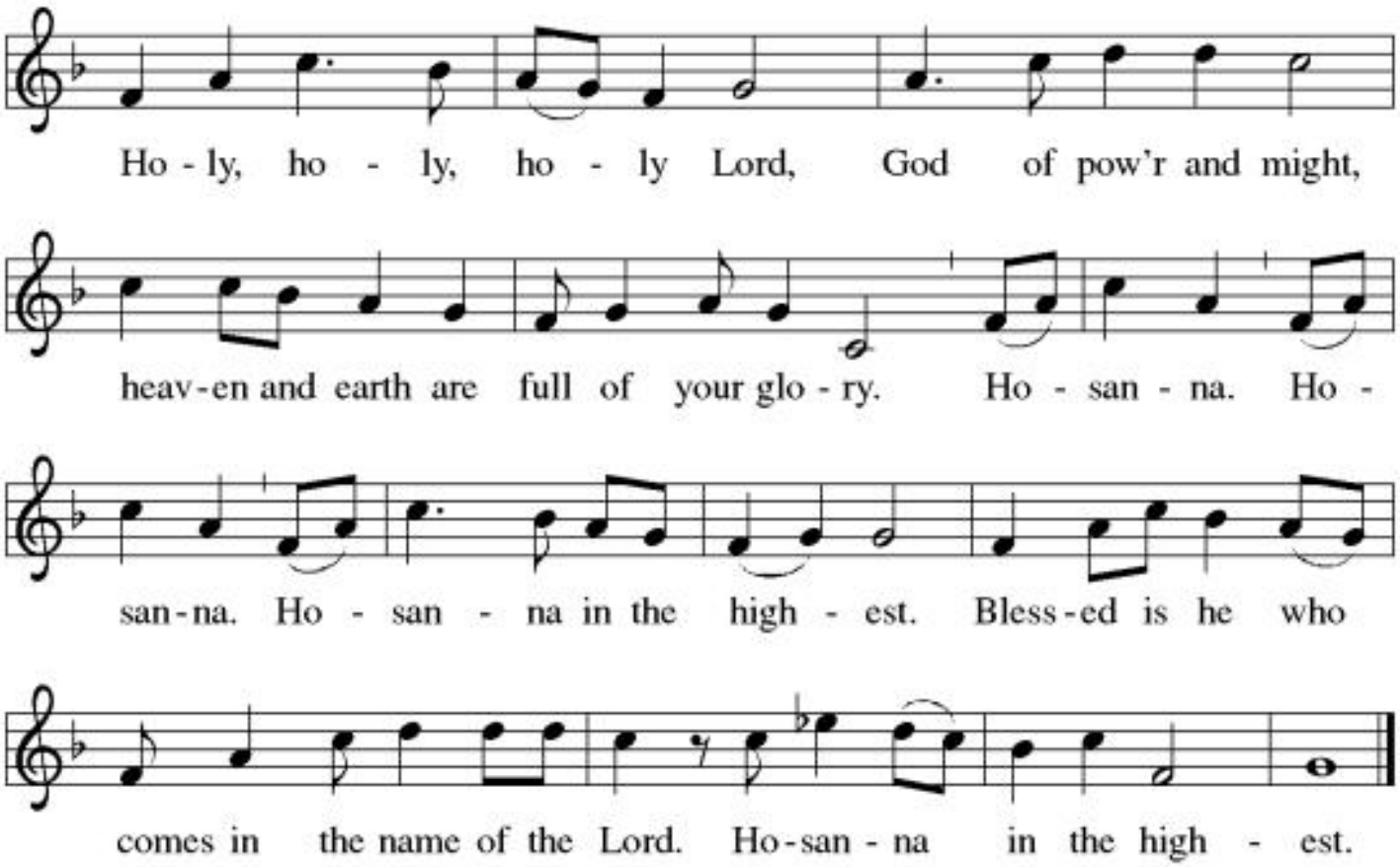
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places…

… So with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



To you indeed be glory, almighty God,
for on the night he was betrayed
Jesus gathered with his friends
for a meal that remembers and anticipates freedom

On that night,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.

As we share this bread and cup, O God,
and as we remember Christ's death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit into our dispersed midst,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed, and forgiven, and strengthened to serve you.

Amen.

As Christ has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

This is the table of God. We invite all who are hungry for God's presence in their lives to receive this gift of mercy and forgiveness at the table.

Those of you who are with others in your home, please serve one another saying, "The body of Christ, given for you" and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." Those of you who are watching by yourself, I invite you to wait until I say those words to you before you eat the bread and drink the wine.

If you don't have bread, or you don't have wine or grape juice, Martin Luther reminds us that God is fully present in each element – that receiving only the bread or only the wine is entire forgiveness.

Further, those of you who might not receive communion for whatever reason, please recognize and understand that God's forgiveness and mercy and love are fully and completely provided to you in ways additional to Holy Communion.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace.

Amen.

SENDING

PRAYER

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that once again you have fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

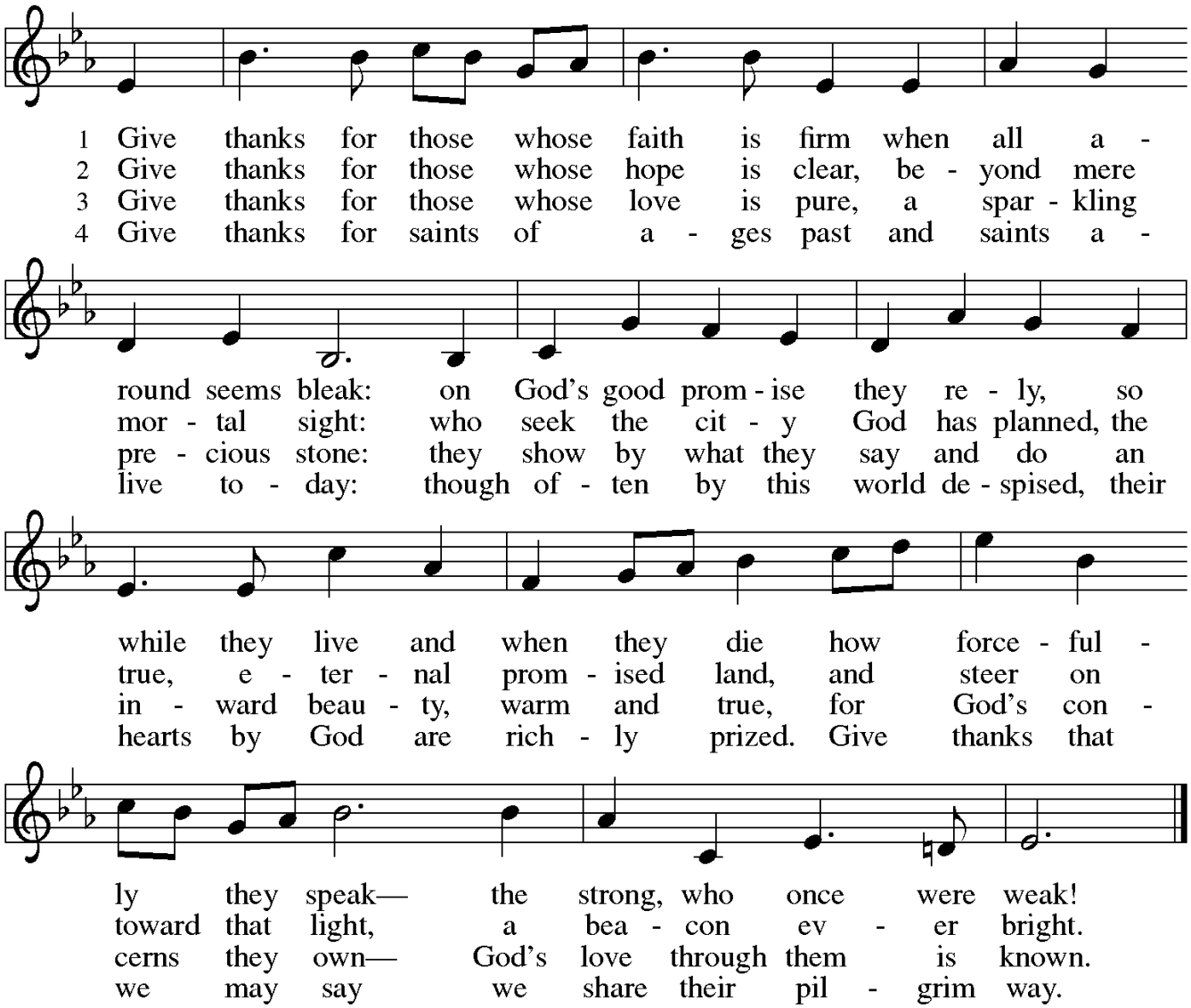
Amen.

BENEDICTION

May God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN Give Thanks for Saints ELW 428



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday, November 8

Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

GRACE NOTES
a guide to parish life at Grace **November 1, 2020**

*We pray for those **who completed their baptismal journey in the last year**:*
Meiko Akima – member of Grace
Kenneth Carter - Roxana and David Bartlett's dear friend
Stephen Williams - Roxana and David Bartlett's dear friend
Vasile Codrescu - Mihail Codrescu's father
Barbara Birmingham - Katherine Day and Carl Stubenrauch's cousin
Viola Haertling
Joyce Payne - Mikki and Lorne Matheson's friend
Bonnie Cohee - Mikki Matheson's cousin
Tom Kurtz - Mikki and Lorne Matheson's friend
Kathryn Gann - Lorne Matheson's cousin
Cosmas Magaya - Amy McIntosh's first and most important Zimbabwean mbira teacher
Robert Villier - Anne and Stan Peterson's brother-in-law
Richard Raedeke - former member of Grace
Georgette Rohde - Donna Rohde's sister-in-law
Gwen Saylor - Marci Roschke's college friend
Wanda McVey - Marci Roschke's longtime friend
Dr. Bernard Gibson - Marci Roschke's classmate and friend
Carla Behrends - Marci Roschke's neighbor
Ed Hessler - Marci Roschke's cousin
Tony Stahl - Sandi Stahl's husband and member of Grace
Jan Adams - Sandi Stahl's friend
Olghita Tafoya - Pete Tafoya's wife and member of Grace
Marlene Wilson
Virginia DeVries - Nick Vanderborgh's sister
Bob Jackson - - Ruth Vanderminden and John Laitinen's very special friend and Godfather of John's children
Nancy Gardner - Ruth Vanderminden and John Laitinen's very special and close friend
Dorothy Boatwright - Mary Zabel's sister

*We pray **for those who are ill**: Carol Painter, Allan Wolfe, and Jacquie Poe (friend of Sandi Stahl).*

*We pray for **those undergoing treatment**: Thomas Fay (brother-in-law of Karen O'Loughlin), Tom Graziano (friend of Tom Lawson), Patrick Fallin (friend of Hiroko Akima), Paul Herzegh (friend of the Zabels), Elizabeth Farr, Deena Steward (daughter-in-law of the Stewards), Cheryl Fenske Prudic (niece of the Stewards), and Mary Dorsett (former member of Grace).*

*We pray for **hope and healing for**: family and friends of Mieko Akima (grieving her death this week), Rich Harris (John Laitinen's cousin), Blaine Gorrell (great-grandnephew of Donna Rohde recuperating from surgery, Leon Fjestad (Anne Peterson's brother admitted to memory care), Fran Dzilvelis (Ashley (neé Stahl) Dzilvelis' mother-in-law), Christian Mueller (grandson of the Petersons working on a COVID19), Barry Miller (friend of the Gambles now in Hospice Care), Rodney McLenon (friend of the Zabels), Beaudin Larabee (friend of the Zabels), Ray Haux (former Grace member now in Hospice care), Myrna Montgomery (grandmother of LCM student Arin Moriarty), Mark Woods (friend of Deb Valerio), Ruth VanderMinden, Pamela Kast (sister-in-law of Patty's sister), and Rick Beckman (brother of Kim).*

The designated offering for November is: Sister Carmen Community Center.

Sister Carmen Community Center is the only organization providing comprehensive basic needs services and resources to the most vulnerable residents in East Boulder County (Lafayette, Louisville, Superior, and Erie). Through their family-centered programming, they promote health, safety, well-being and economic stability by meeting one-on-one with the people they serve. They aim to improve the quality of life for their participants, and assist them in recovering from challenging experiences by providing timely and meaningful wrap-around support in their program areas:

NUTRITION & HEALTHY LIVING

Ensure the residents of East Boulder County have access to basic needs, such as:

- Nutritious food and hygiene items
- Clothing and necessary household goods
- Education and access to living a healthy lifestyle
- Connections to healthcare and mental health support

ADVOCACY

Using a strength-based approach, support participants in advocating for themselves and their families to attain economic stability and provide referrals to additional resources (such as employment, childcare, and life skills). Help prevent homelessness and improve access to stable housing for the residents of East Boulder County through:

- Family Development Services
- Utility assistance
- Mortgage and rent assistance
- Connections to housing, education, and additional resources

COMMUNITY & FAMILY EDUCATION

Empower individuals by offering them the skills and resources they need to succeed through family and community educational opportunities, including:

- Best practice parenting strategies
- Parenting support groups
- Digital literacy classes
- Civic engagement

Thanks to the **Grace Foundation**, all gifts through our designated offerings will be matched dollar for dollar in 2020, up to $2,000/month. Please make your check to "Grace Lutheran Church" and add "PiM: Sister Carmen" to the memo line. You may place checks in the mail slot at Grace, send through the US mail, or use our electronic giving option **Simply Giving** on the Grace website. Thank you for your generosity.

Note from Pastor Matthew

As I sit writing this, I can see out the window and look at the snow that's covering the ground. It snowed quite a bit recently, which is reminding me that winter is coming.

It's exciting for me to see that there's snow on the ground, because it's a great reminder that winter is on the way and I get to go skiing. But beyond that, thanks be to God for the snow that's fallen to tame the fires that are currently plaguing our state.

The seasons are changing in the world. Warmth is being replaced by cold – leaves are falling off of the trees – mornings are cooler, and daytime high temperatures aren't quite as oppressive. The seasons of nature are changing, which is always a reminder to me that the liturgical seasons are also changing. We'll be spending Advent waiting for the Messiah to arrive – and we'll be celebrating the birth of Christ Jesus, the savior of the world, right after that.

But this year it'll be a little different. I don't really know how, because this'll be my first holy days season with Grace. But it'll be different. The Advent traditions won't be exactly the same at church, and they likely won't be quite the same in your homes either. The Christmas celebrations will feel a little different as well at church, in your homes, and in the malls, as well.

But I promise you this. Despite the differences we experience and the changes we have to endure, Jesus is still gonna show up. Jesus is gonna show up even if Christmas at church isn't the way it's "supposed" to be. Jesus is still gonna show up at your house, even if the meal isn't the same as your grandmother cooked it. Jesus is still gonna show up, even if the presents aren't wrapped … or if they aren't even present.

People of God, this is who our God is … our God shows up in the midst of life, no matter what the complexities might be. And I trust that God is going to show up, maybe even in surprising ways, during this upcoming holy days season.

And as we pay attention to where we see God, remember to stay well, wash your hands, and keep on trusting in Jesus. ~ pr. m

Rooted in Grace

Every other Wednesday evening we meet in the courtyard at 5:30 pm for an **Evening Prayer Liturgy** of instrumental music, prayer, scripture, and silence. **Sign up for Wednesday, November 3rd here**. If you would like to participate remotely, please use the **Worship Service link.**

Lectionary Bible Study continues on Wednesday, November 3 at 10:30 am **via Zoom**. The study focuses on the lectionary texts for the next Sunday's worship, taking a deeper dive than is possible within the constraints of the service. Join us for spirited discussion and fellowship time!

The readings for Sunday, November 8, 2020 are:

- **Amos 5:18-24** *Let justice roll down like waters*
- **Psalm 70** *You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)*
- **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** *The promise of the resurrection*
- **Matthew 25:1-13** *The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids*

Reaching Out in Christ's Love

Thank you for your donations of blank greeting cards for the inmates of **New Beginnings**. Your cards allow the women to communicate with loved ones.

Remember **Harvest of Hope** food pantry when you shop for groceries this week. Our donations make a difference for those who struggle to find food each week.

Election Season Prayers

If you're confused about some of what's on your ballot, take a look at the **2020 Voting Guide**, published by the Rocky Mountain Synod Advocacy Office. Obviously you're not required or expected to follow this guide blindly. You are invited, though, to consider the positions contained here, as they are all based on established opinions of the ELCA.

Prayer upon receiving a ballot in the mail

Loving God of all the universe, we know that your reign is not of this world; still, we recognize our duty to prayerfully participate in deciding who will govern, and our duty to prayerfully participate in making decisions together about the laws by which we will be governed. As we hold this ballot, anticipating the decisions we will make hold us in your care; give us ears to hear and eyes to see those who you would draw our attention to – the poor, the marginalized, the outcast. We pray for discernment; help us listen closely to your Holy Spirit always, but especially from now until we submit our ballot. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer while studying the issues and candidates on the ballot

Holy and loving God of all creation, give us wisdom as we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that we face in our city, in our state, and in our nation. We ask that in our discernment we recognize each other, our fellow citizens and the strangers in our midst as your beloved children. We ask that as we consider the candidates and the issues before us your Holy Spirit would guide our hearts and minds to your will for our world. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer before marking the ballot

Guide my hand and my decisions, O God, as I mark this ballot. May the leaders we choose be compassionate, wise, and trustworthy; may the choices we make on other ballot measures point to your glory and reflect your grace and love in the world. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week at Grace
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Sunday, November 1
9:15-11:45 am Office Administrator Hours, Remotely
10 am Worship Service via Zoom

Monday, November 2
Nothing Scheduled

Tuesday, November 3: ELECTION DAY
11 am-2 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Wednesday, November 4
10:30-11:30 am Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom
11 am-6 pm Office Administrator Hours, Grace Office
12-1 pm Staff Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, November 5
11 am-2 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Friday, November 6
11 am-2 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Saturday, November 7
Worship Packet Deliveries

Sunday, November 8
9:15-11:45 am Office Administrator Hours, Remotely
10 am Worship Service via Zoom